

ABSTRACT

**WAX ISOMERATE YIELD ENHANCEMENT BY
OXYGENATE PRETREATMENT OF CATALYST**

A waxy hydrocarbon feed is catalytically treated with a dewaxing catalyst that has been selectively activated. The selective activation of the catalyst involves treating the catalyst with at least one oxygenate. The selectively activated catalyst can then be used to dewax waxy hydrocarbon to improve yield and product quality of the isomerate product.